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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Richard Henry "Dick" Burwash
4 of Savoy, who passed away on November 10, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Burwash was born in Savoy on March 26,
6 1918, to Arthur E. and Mabel Burwash (Womacks); he married
7 Catherine Watson on January 12, 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Burwash grew up in Monticello until his
9 family relocated to Long Beach, California; his family returned
10 to Champaign County in 1927; he graduated from Champaign High
11 School in 1935, and he attended the University of Illinois,
12 where he joined the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was a
13 member of ROTC; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Burwash served his country in the U.S.
15 Army during World War II; he completed boot camp on the eve of
16 the attack on Pearl Harbor; he served at Chanute Air Force Base
17 in Rantoul, at a base near Savannah, Georgia, and then was
18 transferred to the 439th Troop Carrier Group, where he
19 relocated to England to assist with the Normandy invasion on
20 D-Day; and

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WHEREAS, Following the war, Richard Burwash operated the

1 family farm; he was active in the Champaign County Farm Bureau
2 and served on its legislative committee in the early 1970's;
3 the News-Gazette selected him as Farm Leader of the year; he
4 served on the Carle Foundation Board of Trustees from 1967 to
5 1972 and was president of the board from 1970-71; he sat on the
6 board of directors of the Champaign National Bank (now Busey
7 Bank) and served as the board's chairman in the 1980's; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Burwash was a 57-year member of the Rotary
9 Club of Champaign and for 56 of those years grew sweet corn for
10 the annual corn roast; he was a 32-degree Mason, a member of
11 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge in Savoy, and
12 a lifetime member of American Legion Post 1492 in Savoy; he was
13 a lifelong member of the Savoy United Methodist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Burwash was preceded in death by his wife,
15 Catherine; his parents, Arthur E. and Mabel Burwash; his
16 stepmother, Florence Burwash (Evans); his daughter, Barbara
17 Anne; and his stepbrothers, George Evans and Edward Evans; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Burwash is survived by his daughters,
19 Laurin Elizabeth Vinson and Carol J. Burwash; his grandsons,
20 Andrew L. (Paula) Vinson and Thaddeus Nathan Vinson; his
21 stepsister, Phyllis Moore (Evans); and many beloved cousins,
22 nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Richard Burwash, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Richard Burwash as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.